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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on July 28, 2006, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (including Forms PCT/IB/338, PCT/IB/373 and PCT/ISA/237) with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/016028, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. The following documents were cited in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-250002;
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-44594;
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-233609;

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- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-161400;
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-132165;
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-366635;
- (7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-171867;
- (8) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-325858;
- (9) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-282908;
- (10) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-2444;
- (11) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-294668;

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the same.

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